Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1–18 and 31–39. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1–18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of managing a plurality of software programs for use with a computer device in accordance with ~~special instructions~~ a control file contained on storage media external to or removable from the computer device, said method comprising:

activating the storage media to establish communication with the computer device;

determining that the control file indicates the presence of the plurality of software programs located on the storage media;

providing from the control file a list of the plurality of software programs located on the storage media;

selecting one of the plurality of software programs for execution;

providing special instructions in a ~~control file~~ control sub-file located on the storage media for each of the selected software programs, the ~~special instructions~~ control sub-file including configuration information, software launching information; and data file storage information;

transferring files and configuring the computer device from a first state in accordance with the configuration information, wherein upon configuration the computer device is in a second state;

launching the selected software in accordance with the software launching information;

monitoring events to determine various stages in the operation of the selected software; and

unconfiguring the computer device upon termination of the software program by removing files transferred to the computing device to essentially return the computer device to the first state.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising associating each of the plurality of software programs with a corresponding control file.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the list of software programs only includes the programs having a corresponding control file.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising copying one or more files to said computer device to create said second state, wherein the files include one or more of the following:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and registry entries.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said unconfiguring step comprises removing all files copied to create said second state.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

selecting a plurality of software programs for execution;

configuring the computer device for each of the plurality of software programs selected by copying one or more files to said computer device, wherein the files include one or more of the following:

linked library files, device drivers, path information, environmental information, and registry entries.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising unconfiguring the computer device upon termination of each of the executed software programs by removing any files copied during configuration and any new files created during execution of each terminated software program.

26. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises a flash memory drive.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises a CompactFlash drive.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises an optical drive.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises a removable magnetic media drive.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ method of claim 19, wherein the storage media comprises an external hard disk drive.

31–39 (Canceled)